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1. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF A, THE AMBASSADOR
REVIEWED US VIEWS ON NATO DECLARATION MAY 22 WITH FONOFF
STATE SECRETARY FRANK, URGING THE FRG TO JOIN US IN SEEK-
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ING SUBSTANTIVELY SATISFACTORY NATO DECLARATION BASED ON

THE BRITISH TEXT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION, FRANK SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE WELL IF THE NATO MEETING COULD ACHIEVE SOME TEXT -- EITHER IN THE FORM OF A DECLARATION OR AN ENLARGED COMMUNIQUE. HE NEITHER CONTESTED NOR ENDORSED THE AMBASSADOR'S REITERATION OF THE STRONG US PREFERENCE FOR A DECLARATION. NOR DID HE ADD TO EARLIER COMMENTS BY FONOFF OFFICIALS (REF B) ON US PREFERENCE FOR THE BRITISH DRAFT. FRANK CONCLUDED THAT HE COULD SEE NO REASON FOR DELAYING A NATO TEXT, WHICH HE FELT SHOULD NOT BE HELD UP BY ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE A DECLARATION WITH THE NINE.
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